

## Follow-up Studies: Bible Study

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### Listening to God

Assisting young Christians to become rooted in consistent and productive personal Bible study is one of the top priorities of those helping them to mature in Christ. This is an excellent way to take our stand against Satan and his schemes, wielding “the sword of the Spirit” (Ephesians 6:18). Let us listen to God’s voice.

#### Introduction

- Matthew 4:4—“Every word.” Comparable to physical bread, therefore essential. If you don’t stay in the word, you won’t stay in the faith.

#### Work at your Bible study

- 2 Peter 3:15-16—Possible to distort scriptures to own destruction. Tremendous responsibility on us personally to stick with the truth.
- Yes, some passages are difficult to understand—but not impossible! (2 Corinthians 1:13). Strive to comprehend them yourself first, before asking others what they mean.
- 2 Timothy 2:15—Becoming a well-equipped workman (3:16-17), not being ashamed, developing competence in teaching God’s word to others.
- 1 Peter 3:15—Equipped for evangelism: not just Bible knowledge, but being able to answer questions, helping others, gently and respectfully.
- James 1:22-25—It is useless to study the Bible without making the applications to our lives.
- Suggested: Psalm 1:2-3, 119 (entire), Ezra 7:10, Isaiah 66:2b, Matthew 24:35, Romans 15:4, 1 Corinthians 10:11, Colossians 3:16, 2 Timothy 2:7.

#### Practicals

- Have a set time to study your Bible daily. Spend daily time in the word (Joshua 1:8, Acts 17:11, Deuteronomy 17:18-20).
- Write down the convicting points and pray about them.
- Do well in church classes; make the most of any available local teaching programs.
- If you’re reading the Bible for the first time, don’t try to read straight through. Focus on the New Testament until you are quite familiar with it, then venture out into Old Testament.